

## Literacy Dates

Freedom to Read Week - February 24-March 2  
NWT Indigenous Languages Month - February

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## Blog



### Fun things to do with your family this March

The days are getting longer, and hopefully warmer as we head into my favourite month of the winter. I love March; the snow is so bright and beautiful; the light lasts into the evening and there are so many fun things happening all around the NWT. March also means a break for most kids, and a chance to add in some fun family activities. Check out these fun ideas to make the most of March! [Read more...](#)



# Announcements and Events

## Register for the PGI Bowl-a-Thon

Please register your team of up to 6 people by April 12, to join us for an hour of bowling on April 27. Call 867-873-9262 or email [nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:nwtliteracy@nwtliteracy.ca) to book your lane and time. Check out the [facebook event](#) to keep up to date on the fundraiser. We're raising money for supplies that the Bison Bus Mobile Family Literacy Centre can take on the road this summer. Come bowl, have fun, win prizes, and help the Bison Bus reach NWT families.

## Frozen Prose: A writer's open mic at the Snow King's Castle

Join NorthWords NWT for a chance to share your new story, poem, spoken word piece, or creative non-fiction on Saturday, March 30. At this [community open mic](#) you will have the stage for three minutes to read your chosen piece of writing. There will also be surprise performances by locally published authors.

## NorthWords NWT Youth Write Workshop

Join writer Gail Sidonie Sobat and explore practical writing techniques to get your creative juices flowing as you dabble in setting, plot, character and voice! Suitable for writers of any genre and ability. Open to youth from 10 to 17 years old. Register for free at the Yellowknife Book Cellar. The [Youth Write Workshop](#) will be held March 2-3 at the North Star (new UNW) Building at 4910 53 St., Yellowknife.

## Community Connections family literacy programs- Cancelled February 28

This program is cancelled on February 28 but will resume on March 7. Join the NWTLC's Community Connections program each Thursday morning for family literacy programming. Each week, they read a story, learn new vocabulary and do a craft related to the story. There is also time for parents to connect and discuss parenting practices during the program. The program is targeted at new immigrant parents with pre-school aged children. They meet from 10am to 12pm at the Calvary Community Church. Email [karen@nwtliteracy.ca](mailto:karen@nwtliteracy.ca) for more information.



# Funding

## Got an arts project that needs support?

You have until February 28 to apply to the [NWT Arts Council](#) for money to support your artistic project. The project can be in the visual, literary, media, and performing arts, or on issues and policies related to the arts and artists.

## Language revitalization funding

The [Language Legacies](#) grant program supports documentation and revitalization efforts throughout the world. It is open to community members and researchers from any country. Grants are for one year and average around \$2,000 (US). The deadline to apply is March 15.



# News, Research, Opinion

## Funding changes coming for First Nations K-12 education

The federal government and Assembly of First Nations (AFN) say they've reached an agreement to reform the way K-12 education is funded in First Nations. An announcement of the co-developed plan was made Monday and will take effect on April 1... [Read more](#)

## Appointment of Associate Deputy Minister of Postsecondary Education Renewal

Premier Bob McLeod and Caroline Cochrane, Minister of Education, Culture and Employment today announced the appointment of Dr. Thomas Weegar as the Associate Deputy Minister of Postsecondary Education for the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)... [Read more](#)

## Tootoo stands alone against federal Indigenous Languages Act

Nunavut MP Hunter Tootoo was the sole MP to vote against the Liberal government's Indigenous Languages Act Wednesday night, saying it does nothing for Inuit languages... [Read more](#)

## Meet the Canada Reads 2019 contenders

What do a musician, a model, a science journalist, an actor and a fashion guru have in common? They are all panellists for Canada Reads 2019. Over four days in March, the five defenders will bring their diverse perspectives to this year's theme: One Book to Move You... [Read more](#)

## UP Skills for Work case study: Friesens Corporation

This fall, 15 workplaces across Canada ran UP Skills for Work soft skills workshops with their employees through ABC Life Literacy Canada's Workplace Delivery pilot program. Friesens Corporation in Altona, Manitoba was one of them. Friesens is Canada's largest printer of hardcover books and includes school yearbooks among its products. In November 2018, a select group of workers from Friesens' manufacturing team participated in UP Skills for Work workshops on accountability, teamwork, and time management, as well as an Introduction to soft skills workshop... [Read more](#)



# Resources and Websites

## Just the Facts for Financial Literacy

Just the Facts is a new series of information sheets on various financial topics of interest to Canadians

## St. Patrick's Day crafts for kids

[49 simple crafts](#)

## United Nations General Assembly

[International Year of Indigenous Languages](#)



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